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In re Patent Application of:
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For: PROTEASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
THEM AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND
USING THEM

Examiner: Sheridan Swope

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication mailed March 11, 2009, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment addressing Applicants' response to the Non-Final Office Action e-filed on February 18, 2009; Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

A response was initially due April 11, 2009, which fell on a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal Letter